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SUBJECT: ALBANIA RECEIVES FRENCH COMMERCIAL MISSION

REF: PARIS 27539

DEPARTMENT GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITY TO AUGMENT OUR SLENDER  
KNOWLEDGE OF ALBANIA AND REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CONVEYS OUR  
APPRECIATION FOR ANY ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY SHOULD POSE  
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS ANY POSED BY OTHER  
ADDRESSEES: -

(A) WHO ARE ALBANIA'S LEADING TRADE PARTNERS AND WHAT IS  
THEIR RESPECTIVE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TRADE? HOW LARGE IS  
CEMA'S SHARE?

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(B) WHAT IS THE PRESENT LEVEL OF CHINESE AID AND WILL IT

CONTINUE TO DECLINE?

(C) WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT VISIT BY AN ALBANIAN TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN?

(D) WHAT ARE ALBANIA'S INTENTIONS RE THE 5 YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE AND RENEWAL OF SAME WITH ROMANIA? WHY HAS ALBANIA NOT RENEWED THE 5 YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER CEMA MEMBERS?

(E) CONFIRM THE LOWER TARGETS OF THE 6TH 5 YEAR PLAN AS COMPARED TO THE 5TH PLAN. HOW MUCH LOWER ARE THEY, AND IS THAT DUE TO A DECREASE IN AID FROM CHINA?

(F) WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF ENVER HOXHA'S HEALTH? OF MEHMET SHEHU'S? IS THERE ANY LINE OF SUCCESSION, EITHER IMPLIED OR OPENLY STATED?

(G) WHAT ARE THE AGES AND BACKGROUNDS OF THE NEU POLITBURO MEMBERS? WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE?

(H) WHAT ARE THE IMPRESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS AS TO THE PLANS AND POLICIES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE NEW ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP? DO THEY DIFFER DRASTICALLY FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE?

(I) HAS THE INTERNAL TENSION EXHIBITED EARLIER IN THE YEAR IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AND OTHER DEFENSE WORKS DISSIPATED? KISSINGER

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